

Recreation

Kids Programs: The department offers 34 programs. Basketball, supported by an anonymous donor, involves 93 participants. Karate on Wednesday mornings has been a huge success with 60 elementary children chopping about. Our *Bring'em home Clean, Tired and Hungry* Sunday swim continues at the Bowdoin College Pool through April 23.

Adult Programs: Bridge (experienced) and Volleyball are our newest adult offerings starting this spring. If you are interested call the Town Office and leave your name and number. The art displays at the Town Office have given many local artists an opportunity to display locally, as well as dress up the Town Office. The Sunday Swim program at Bowdoin College Pool from 4:30 to 5:30 has many empty lap lanes for adults.

Trails: The addition of a loop and some re-routing of The Cliff Trail, behind the Town Office, make this fabulous walk more user-friendly.

Trufant-Summerton Athletic Field: Volunteer work continues on the concession stand. The facility is supported by sign revenue. Call today if you would like a sign at the ball field (\$200 per year). Baseball, softball, tee-ball and soccer are all played at the field.

Mitchell Field: The Recreation Committee continues to plan for recreation space at the field. In keeping with the work toward an overall plan for the field, the Committee is recommending creation of recreational spaces that will not preclude any future plans. Plans include 2 areas (one by the road, one by the water) that are smoothed out, seeded and mowed for passive recreation use like frisbee, bocce, and croquet. Benches and picnic tables as well as access to the shore and a small boat ramp are also recommended.

Collaboration: Recreation continues to collaborate with surrounding towns to bring more opportunities to our residents. A presentation on Eagles was offered in cooperation with the Harpswell Heritage Land Trust.

Volunteers: The Town of Harpswell recreation program needs you. Here is your chance to make a difference in the lives of our youth while reaping the rewards of mentoring, teaching, caring and sharing. Volunteer for an hour here and there, or for a few weeks or a season. It's more than sports. It's arts, crafts, woodworking, basket-making, music and it is time for some dance. Boomers and beyond this means you, too. *Generativity*, is a word coined in psychology as a stage of giving to the next generation, looking beyond oneself. It is time to experience generativity, use your strengths, wisdom, knowledge and maybe even the patience you have worked so hard to acquire. Call today 833-5771. If you do not wish to volunteer, but would like to contribute, you can provide a scholarship for a child to any of our programs. Or, as one anonymous Harpswell resident does for basketball, you can sponsor a whole season so no child has to pay.



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